## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE JASPER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES "POWER PLANT UTILIZATION PROJECT"

The City of Jasper, IN (City), via this Request for Expression of Interest (REI), seeks responses from qualified providers interested in implementing a comprehensive plan for the utilization of an existing coal fired power plant owned by the City.

The City presently owns a 1968 vintage, Riley Stoker, coal fired power plant. The current boiler capacity is 142,000lbs/hr. The current generator capacity is 14.5MW at 600lbs 800°F. A Plant Condition and Assessment Study was completed in January 2010 by Black and Veatch and is posted on the City's website, <u>jasperindiana.gov</u>. The information in the Black and Veatch report is based on the best information available, at the time, and shall not be used as the sole foundation for analysis without further verification by the respondent.

Objectives: The City intends that the respondents include a comprehensive range of analysis on alternatives for the utilization of the power plant. Alternatives may include but shall not be limited to the conversion of the plant to operate on alternative fuels, natural gas or other renewable type fuel, using the plant as a research and development facility, or the outright purchase of the plant as-is. Financing options to consider may include but shall not be limited to funding from government grants, utilization of the State of Indiana's "Guaranteed Energy Savings Program", joint ventures with other entities, lease agreement with the City, or a combination of funding options. The City's goal is to structure financing options so that there is limited risk to the City, its citizens, no requirement to invest additional capital into the plant, and to provide economic and environmental benefit to the City and its citizens/ratepayers.

Questions and Inquiries: All prospective respondents are invited to view the power plant during prearranged meetings. Additional questions shall be directed to Bud Hauersperger at 812-482-9131 or via email at <a href="mailto:hauersperger@ci.jasper.in.us">hauersperger@ci.jasper.in.us</a>.

Response Requirements: Responses shall include detailed scope of work with comprehensive analysis of alternatives, qualifications and experience related to scope of work, financial analysis, environmental impact, and estimated schedule/timeline for project implementation.

Respondents are hereby notified that information submitted as part of a response to this REI, and subsequent requests from the City, shall be open and public in compliance with Indiana law governing public records. The law does provide for certain exclusions to disclosure. If you believe any information provided to the City is confidential information, please identify the specific material to be protected and state the reasons why such information is excluded from disclosure under Indiana's public records law (see I.C. 5-14-3-4, among others). The City reserves the right to make the final determination of the applicability of the public records law.

The City may cancel this REI, or reject in whole or in part any and all responses if the City determines that cancellation or rejection is in its best interest. No response submitted, as a result of this REI, shall obligate the City in any way.

Final Submittal Date: Responses shall be delivered to Jasper Municipal Utilities, Attention: Power Plant Utilization Project, 610 Main Street, P.O. Box 750, Jasper, IN 47546, no later than December 1, 2014 at 4:00pm EST.